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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO TURKMEN INVITATION TO SECRETARY RICE  
TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY CONFERENCE

REF: ASHGABAT 927

[1](#)1. (U) In response to reftel invitation from Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov to Secretary Rice to attend the "International Conference on Preventative Diplomacy in Ashgabat scheduled for December 10-11, 2007, and the opening of the UN Center for Preventative Diplomacy, please forward the following letter by diplomatic note from Assistant Secretary Richard Boucher on behalf of the Secretary. No

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hard copy will follow.

[1](#)2. (U) BEGIN TEXT

Dear Foreign Minister Meredov,

Secretary of State Rice has asked me to convey to you her

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appreciation for your invitation to attend the International Conference on Preventative Diplomacy to be held in Ashgabat, December 10 and 11. Regrettably the Secretary will be unable to attend the conference.

Sincerely,

Richard Boucher  
Assistant Secretary of State for South and  
Central Asia

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